



Lesson: A Day in a Life of a Ranger (Grades Pre K-2)



Introduction to the Lesson/Activity	Students will learn about the National Park Rangers jobs and how they relate to the National Park Service. The work force in a National Park unit is varied.	There are Law Enforcement and Interpretive Park Rangers, just to name a few. Lesson for grades Pre K – 2 nd .
Objectives	Students will: <div>1. learn about the various jobs within the National Park Service.</div> <div>2. explore job possibilities and understand different jobs in their community.</div>	
Materials	Chart paper and markers Objects for each division of the Park Service at Chickasaw NRA Object worksheet for each group Answer sheet for each division Hat template Crayons/markers pencils	<div>- Water testing tubes and bison cubes (resource management)</div> <div>- Museum collections pieces: gloves, replicas of primary sources, a gray archival box, (resource management)</div> <div>- Trash bags, broom, supply box (maintenance)</div> <div>- Notepad, pens, faux computer (administration)</div> <div>- Brochures, nature center objects— bison parts, books, etc. (interpretive)</div> <div>- Handcuffs, siren, Miranda rights (law enforcement)</div>

Activity

1. Direct the attention to you, as a National Park Ranger.
2. What are some of the jobs they think you do? Have them brainstorm.
3. Divide students into equal groups with at least one adult per group. Each corner should have objects, worksheet, and summary. Have adult ask each group about their objects. What do you think this person in the park service does?
4. When they have looked at the objects and finished the worksheet (documenting what each group comes up with—guided questions and written answers), then give them the “answer sheet” so that each group can check itself before reporting out to the whole group.
5. Call the groups together and have each group report about their particular ranger duties.
6. When each group has finished reporting, have the group come back together.

Assessment:

7. Give them the Ranger Hat template and ask them to make symbols on the hat for all of the different jobs a National Park Ranger does.
8. When they are finished making their hat, have a few stand up and share what they did.

Key Vocabulary

resource management
maintenance
administration

interpretive
law enforcement

Essential Questions

1. What does it mean to wear many different hats?
2. What are some of the different jobs within the National Park Service?

Oklahoma Pass Standards

Pre-kindergarten - Standard 4
Economics Standard 4
Kindergarten:
SOCIAL STUDIES (Core)
Social studies provides an opportunity to develop an integrated curriculum using civics, geography, history and economics. Learning experiences may be provided through learning centers, resource people, projects, and field trips.

Grade 1 - Civics Standard 1
Grade 2 – Social Studies Standard 2